

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey # PG#62-13 Building Date 1805
Building Name Walnut Grange
(now on Animal Husbandry Road)
Location 6300 block Powder Mill Road (Bldg.#209, BARC), Beltsville, Maryland

Public/Office/Excellent/Occupied/Accessible

Description:

Walnut Grange is a multi-section brick building which represents the surviving part of a large and complex early nineteenth century plantation house. Originally constructed in "butterfly" form, the building now consists only of the bowed central block and three attached wings on one side; the balancing three wings on the other side were destroyed by fire in the middle of the nineteenth century. The main block is oval in form, two stories high with shallow hipped roof. It is built of brick, laid in Flemish bond, presently painted white. The present entrance is in the west elevation, in the wall which once connected with the balancing wings, now sheltered by a two-story porch. Windows are generally 6/6 with flat-arch lintels; the narrow molded surrounds and plain wood sills are painted green. The windows in the curve of the main block have been enlarged and altered. Three gable-roof brick wings extend to the east. The building stands on a high knoll in rolling farmland in the center of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Significance:

Walnut Grange is a Federal style brick plantation house of unique plan which has been substantially altered and modernized. It stands on a tract known as Black Walnut Levels which was bequeathed by Major Thomas Snowden of Montpelier to his daughter, Mary. The house was built in a unique "butterfly" form at the time of her marriage to John Carlyle Herbert, and became the Herbert family home. John C. Herbert served not only in the Maryland House of Delegates, but also in the U. S. Congress. After the deaths of John and Mary Herbert, Walnut Grange was purchased by Richard D. Hall, and it remained the Hall family farm until 1910 when the property was purchased by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Today the house serves as the Office of Operations of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Although significantly altered, it an important reminder of the plantation houses of the County's prominent families; its original plan, almost certainly architect-designed, was unique in Prince George's County.

Acreage: 368.2 acres

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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Specific dates 1805 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Walnut Grange (also known as Walnut Range) is a Federal style brick plantation house of unique plan which has been substantially altered and modernized. The original main block was bowed and was nearly oval in plan; complex rectangular flanking wings gave the overall plan a "butterfly" shape. One set of flanking wings was destroyed by fire in the mid-nineteenth century, and the surviving structure served as a farm residence until the property was purchased early in this century by the United States Government, and converted into the main office of the Beltsville Agricultural Center.

The land on which this unusual building stands is part of a tract known as Black Walnut Levels which was among the large landholdings of Major Thomas Snowden of Montpelier. At the end of the eighteenth century, only one small frame dwelling, three log slaves quarters and three tobacco houses stood on the 1200 acres of the Black Walnut Levels tract. When Thomas Snowden died in 1803, he devised Black Walnut Levels to his daughter, Mary.¹ In 1805, Mary Snowden married John Carlyle Herbert, a Virginia native who had served in the Virginia House of Delegates in 1798-99. At the time of their marriage, John and Mary Herbert had the subject house built, and renamed the plantation "Walnut Grange". In January 1807, Rosalie Stier Calvert of Riversdale wrote to her brother in Belgium to give him news of his Prince George's County friends: "Your friend John Herbert who married Miss Snowden has built a house six miles away."² Unfortunately, there is no mention of an architect in Rosalie's letter, nor have family or documentary records revealed information about an architect's design; it is highly likely, however, that it was one of the prominent architects then working in the Washington area who designed the unusual "butterfly" plan of Walnut Range. Certainly the plan of the house was unique in Prince George's County.

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Walnut Grange

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6300 block Powder Mill Road (now on Animal Husbandry Rd.) not for publication

city, town Beltsville vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
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| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
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| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name U.S.A. USDA

street & number 18th & F Streets telephone no.:

city, town Washington state and zip code D.C. 20405

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse liber 66

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 117

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G.Co. Historic Sites & Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state ☒ county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, M-NCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Walnut Grange (Department of Agriculture Building 209) is a multi-section brick building which represents the surviving part of a large and complex early nineteenth century plantation house. Originally constructed in "butterfly" form, the building now consists only of the bowed central block and three attached wings on one side; the balancing three wings on the other side were destroyed by fire in the 1850's. The present building stands on a high knoll in rolling farmland now used as agricultural research land by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The building may be described in several sections. The main block is oval in form, two stories high with shallow hipped roof. It is built of brick, laid in Flemish bond, presently painted white. The present entrance is in the west elevation, in the wall which once connected with the balancing wings. Entrance is through a door with a three-light transom; the door is flanked by a double row of sidelights in the form of two ten-pane windows. The entire entrance is enclosed by a small rectangular glass storm vestibule, which has been recently installed on the first story of the two-story wood porch. This shed-roof porch is supported by two tiers of slim wooden Tuscan-style posts (painted dark green) with a plain rail balustrade at each level; the porch rests on brick piers with lattice infill.

Brick of the main block is laid in Flemish bond, presently painted white. Windows are generally 6/6 double hung sash with flat-arch lintels; the narrow molded surrounds and plain wood sills are painted green. There are no shutters, although an early twentieth century photograph shows louvered wooden shutters in place at most windows. The windows in the curve of the main block have been enlarged and altered; the three original 6/6 windows have been replaced by five side-by-side 8/8 double-hung sash windows set into the thick brick walls, lighting almost the entire south elevation.

The roof is covered with standing-seam metal painted green. One course of corbelled brick forms a decorative cornice. A tall brick chimney rises near the north curved wall; it was built in this century to serve a modern fireplace in the north wall. Originally there were two chimneys (flanking the present west entrance) in the west wall of the oval main block.

Interior plan of the main block was apparently central stairhall (running east and west) flanked by a semicircular parlor on south and north. Each parlor was lighted by three windows set in its curved end wall, and warmed by a fireplace in its west wall. The stair rose toward the west along the north wall of the stairhall, and curved in counter-clockwise direction to the second story; this "flying" staircase, described in some early sources as spiral, was considered one of the most elegant features of the house. The north partition walls and staircase

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were removed in this century, and a new staircase was built (possibly using some of the original materials) along the east wall of the enlarged office/parlor. The two west chimneys have been removed.

Three gable-roof brick wings extend to the east. The westmost directly adjoins the oval main block; it is two-and-one-half stories high and two bays wide. The brick is laid in Flemish bond like that of the main block. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash. There is a flush chimney at its east gable end, and a one-story shed-roof screen-enclosed porch on the north elevation.

Attached to the east end of this wing is a lower two-story gable-roof wing with a roof of shallower pitch. It is flush with the first wing on the south but inset on the north, and was almost certainly raised to its present full two stories sometime after its original construction. Like the first wing, it is two bays wide, with a door in the first bay of its south facade, and asymmetrically-placed windows on both north and south. Bricks are laid in 5:1 common bond.

Adjoining this second wing is a two-story garage wing, built of brick laid in common bond. There is a single wide garage door in the north elevation. This garage wing is flush with the other wings on the north but projects on the south. The two easterly wings have wood siding at the upper level of their north elevation. The garage wing apparently replaces an original gable-roof kitchen building which had a large central fireplace serving the two flanking kitchen spaces.

A short distance to the east is a square one-story brick meathouse (209B). It has a pyramidal roof covered with green asphalt shingle, and a batten door in its west elevation. A milkhouse dependency once stood in a corresponding position to the north.

This complex building stands on a high knoll overlooking other farm complexes on the Agricultural Research Center; its grounds include large old tulip poplars, oaks and maples, many of which were destroyed by storms in June 1989.

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John Carlyle Herbert was to spend the rest of his life at Walnut Grange, and became very active in Prince George's County and Maryland affairs. He was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1808 and served until 1813, serving the last two years of his term as Speaker of that House. He served as Captain of the Bladensburg Troop of Horse during the War of 1812. He was elected as a Federalist to the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Congresses of the United States (1815-1819) and then retired to Walnut Grange and resumed the practice of law.³ He and his wife raised their large family (of nine children) at Walnut Grange. John C. Herbert died while traveling in Virginia in 1846.⁴

Shortly after the death of John C. Herbert, the house at Walnut Grange suffered major fire damage. The west flanking wing complex was so badly damaged that it was removed, and the house was repaired and rebuilt; a set of new agricultural outbuildings was built at the same time.⁵

After her husband's death Mary Herbert moved temporarily to Baltimore, presumably after the fire, and took out a fire insurance policy on the plantation with Montgomery Mutual Fire Insurance Company. She executed a will, devising her real estate to be equally divided between her children. Soon afterwards, she returned to Walnut Grange where she continued to reside with her three youngest children; she died there in September 1857. It was the newly repaired and rebuilt asymmetrical plantation house at Walnut Grange which was sold early in 1859 by the executors of her estate.⁶

Mary Herbert's sons Alfred and Edward, acting as her executors, advertised the rebuilt and improved Walnut Grange plantation in the local newspapers: "Executors Sale of valuable Real estate . . . in Prince George's County, one mile from Beltsville on the Washington and Baltimore Road, in a most pleasant and healthy neighborhood, and contains ca. 700 acres . . . Improvements consist of a large and newly built brick dwelling, a new Switzer barn, stable, carriage house, smoke house, ice house, dairy, kitchen, servants houses, and all other necessary outhouses all recently built. A large orchard of choice fruit surrounds the dwelling, and an excellent garden contributes to its comfort." On 8 March 1859, 375 acres of Walnut Grange including the plantation house were sold to Richard D. Hall for \$44 per acre. A bond of conveyance was executed in December 1859, and the property was legally deeded to Hall in March 1863.⁸

Richard Duckett Hall had lived all of his life in the vicinity of Walnut Grange. The son of Grafton Hall, he had been raised at his father's plantation, Pleasant Grove, approximately three miles east of Walnut Grange. After his marriage in 1842, Richard D.

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Hall remained in the area of Pleasant Grove, although he conveyed much of his inheritance in that property to his brother. When the opportunity arose to purchase Walnut Grange, he bought 375 acres including the newly repaired plantation house from the executors of Mary Herbert. By 1860, he had settled at Walnut Grange with his wife and nine children; he died only four years later, but Walnut Grange remained the Hall family home until 1910.⁹

Richard D. Hall died intestate 24 April 1864, leaving his widow with ten children. His family remained at Walnut Grange, although his estate was not settled for nearly 30 years. In 1891, in order to settle the estate of his eldest son, the Prince George's County Court of Equity confirmed the distribution of the real estate among the widow and surviving children of Richard D. Hall.¹⁰ Susannah Hall, widow of Richard D. Hall, waived her dower right in her husband's real estate, and the 375-acre Walnut Grange farm was legally conveyed in 1892 to five of their children. Susannah Hall continued to reside at Walnut Grange with two of these children, Mary S. Hall and Summerfield D. Hall, into the twentieth century.¹¹

In 1910, the U. S. Government began purchasing property in the Beltsville area for the establishment of the Department of Agriculture Research Center; the first property purchased was Walnut Grange. In June 1910 the four Hall heirs who held an interest in Walnut Grange sold the 375-acre farm to the United States Government, and on this land were established the Animal Husbandry and Dairy Divisions.¹²

At the time that Walnut Grange was purchased by the government, a number of farm buildings still stood on the property, including several slave quarters, a brick meathouse, and a large brick bank barn. The house was used at first as the residence of the Superintendent of the Agriculture Center; later it was renovated and converted into the Office of Operations. The westerly chimneys and fireplaces were removed, and a new fireplace was installed in the north curve of the main block; the staircase was dismantled and relocated, all interior moldings were replaced, and Art Deco style windows were built into the southerly curve of the main block. More recently, a two-story porch was constructed to shelter the entrance in the west elevation of the main block. The only outbuilding which still stands today is the brick meathouse, immediately south-east of the the main house. The barn which stood to the east has been destroyed, and Building #200, the Animal Science headquarters, has been built on its site.

Today the house at Walnut Range still serves as the Office of Operations. It stands on a high knoll, a prominent landmark on the rolling farmland of the Agriculture Center. The house itself

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has been substantially and significantly altered, but it is an important reminder of the plantation houses of the County's prominent families. Its original plan, almost certainly architect-designed, was unique in Prince George's County and probably in Maryland.

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Notes

1. Federal Direct Tax, 1798, Eastern Branch Hundred; Prince George's County Will T#1:558
2. Prince George's County Marriage Licences; Letter, Rosalie Stier Calvert to her brother, Charles Jean Stier, January 1807
3. Biographical Dictionary of the American Congress, p. 1109
4. ibid; Federal Census for Prince George's County, 1840, 1850; Prince George's County Estate Files #51 and #425
5. A History of Beltsville, 1776-1976 Bicentennial, 1976, reminiscences of Susie Beall, pp. 35,36
6. Prince George's County Estate File #425; Planters' Advocate, 23 September 1857
7. National Intelligencer, 10 February 1859; Planters' Advocate, 23 February 1859.
8. Orphans Court Records WAJ#1:262 (1859); Prince George's County Deed CSM#3:421, FS#1:483
9. Federal Census for Prince George's County, 1860, 1880, 1900
10. Prince George's County Equity #1906. See also Prince George's County Deed JBB#5:80.
11. ibid
12. Prince George's County Deed #66:117; Logan, C. A., A Brief History of the Agricultural Research Center, September 1962.


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See Chain of Title

Acreage of nominated property 368.21 acres
 Quadrangle name Beltsville

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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| AL | 003 | ALBUQUERQUE | 003 |
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organization P.G. Co. Historic Preservation Commission date May 1990

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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P.G. County Survey # 62-13 Date c. 1805
Building Name Walnut Grange
Location Powder Mill Road, Dept. of Agriculture Research Ctr., Beltsville,
Md.
Open to Public yes x no

Walnut Grange is a two story, five bay, brick house which is now T-shaped. Originally, it was seven bays wide and butterfly-shaped. The three center bays formed the projecting semi-circular section which represented the butterfly's body, while the first, second, sixth and seventh bays suggested the wings. Unfortunately, the west wing was destroyed by fire sometime before 1863.

Walnut Grange is located on the tract Black Walnut Level Enlarged. This land descended to Mary Snowden from her father Thomas Snowden in 1803. After her marriage in 1805 to Colonel John C. Herbert, they built the unusual butterfly house. The U.S. Department of Agriculture purchased the house in 1910, and it is now occupied by the Office of Operations for the Beltsville Agricultural Center.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

NAME

HISTORIC

Walnut Grange

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Powder Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Beltsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Prince George's

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES RESTRICTED
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☒ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☒ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

US Department of Agriculture Research Telephone #: 344-3078 (Director)
Center

STREET & NUMBER

Powder Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Beltsville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #: 66

Folio #: 117

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1969 and 1973

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Comm.

CITY, TOWN

STATE

8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

___ EXCELLENT
 X GOOD
 ___ FAIR

___ DETERIORATED
 ___ RUINS
 ___ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

___ UNALTERED
 X ALTERED

CHECK ONE

X ORIGINAL SITE
 ___ MOVED DATE _____

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1805

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Walnut Grange" is located on the tract called, "Black Walnut Level enlarged". "Black Walnut Level," 585 acres, was recorded on 1745 rent rolls as belonging to Thomas Snowden. In 1803, his son, Major Thomas Snowden of Montpelier, willed the tract, 1226 acres, to his daughter, Mary. After her marriage in 1805 to Col. John Carlyle Herbert, they built the unusual "butterfly" style home and named it "Walnut Grange" after his home in Virginia. The executor's of Mrs. Herbert's estate sold the property in March, 1863 to Richard Hall and it remained in his family until the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture purchased it in 1910.

Sometime prior to 1863, the west wing was destroyed by fire making it difficult to visualize the "butterfly wing" construction.

It is now occupied by the "Office of Operations" for the Beltsville Agricultural Center.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Prince George's County Land Records, Courthouse, Upper Marlboro, Md.
Liber 66, folio 117

William G. Cook, Montpelier and the Snowden Family.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ruth Lockard

August 1978

ORGANIZATION

Prince George's Co. Historical and Cultural Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

5807 84th Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

New Carrollton,

STATE

Maryland 20784

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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| 1. NAME | | | | |
| COMMON: | | | | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: Walnut Grange | | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Powder Mill Road | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Beltsville | | | | |
| STATE: Md. | | COUNTY: Prince George's | | |
| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | | |
| CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | | OWNERSHIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | | STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | | |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ | | |
| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: US Department of Agriculture Research Center | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Beltsville | | STATE: Md. | | |
| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION | | | | |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro | | STATE: Md. | | |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): | | | | |
| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | | | | |
| TITLE OF SURVEY: M-NCPPC Historic Sites Survey | | | | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local | | | | |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: THE MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring | | STATE: MD. | | |

7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Circa 1800

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house was built by Col. John C. Herbert, who was married to Mary Snowden, daughter of Richard Snowden.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | | | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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| STATE: | | COUNTY: | |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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|--|-----------------|
| NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian | |
| ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC | DATE 1/31/73 |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring, | STATE Md. |

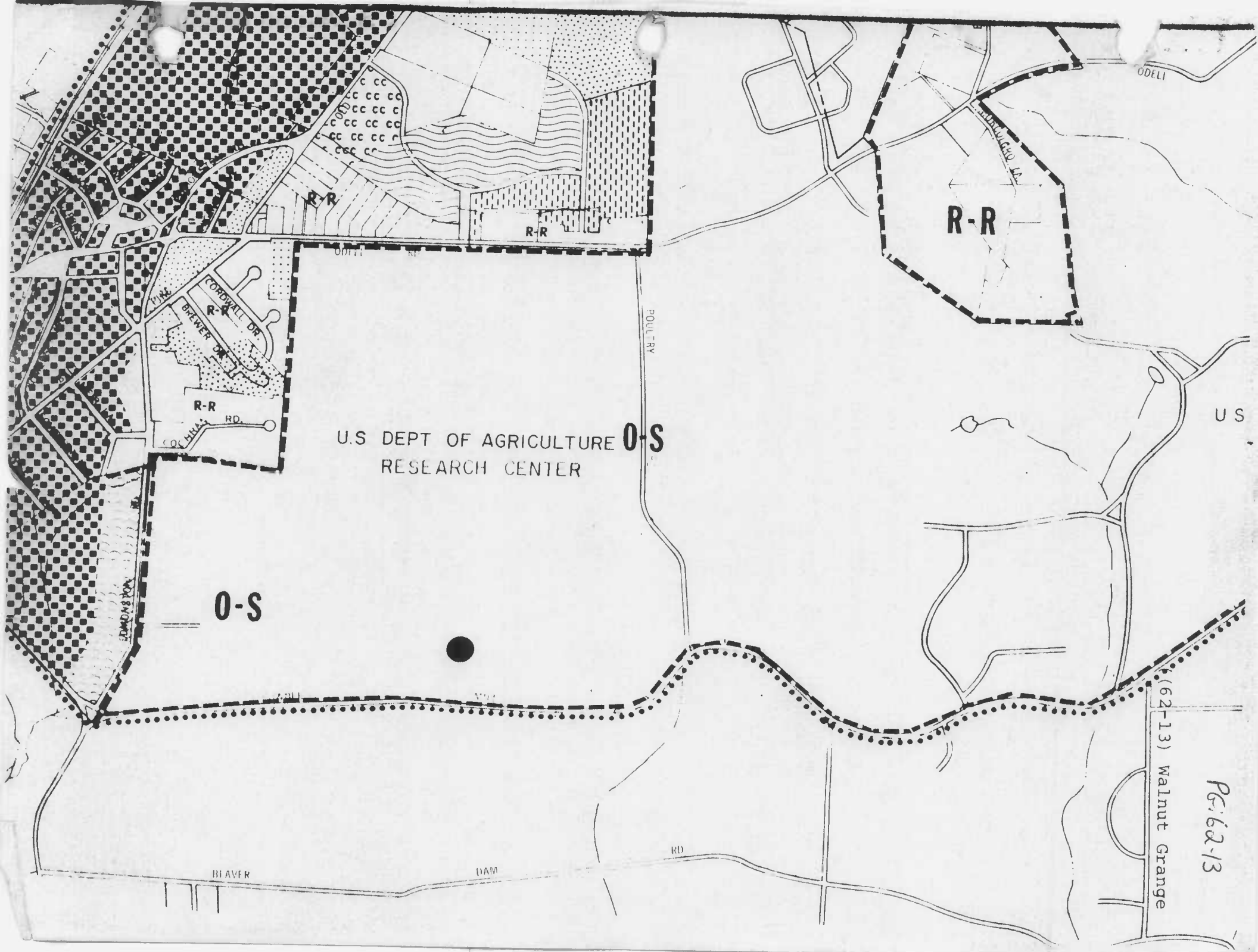
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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U.S. DEPT OF AGRICULTURE **O-S**
RESEARCH CENTER

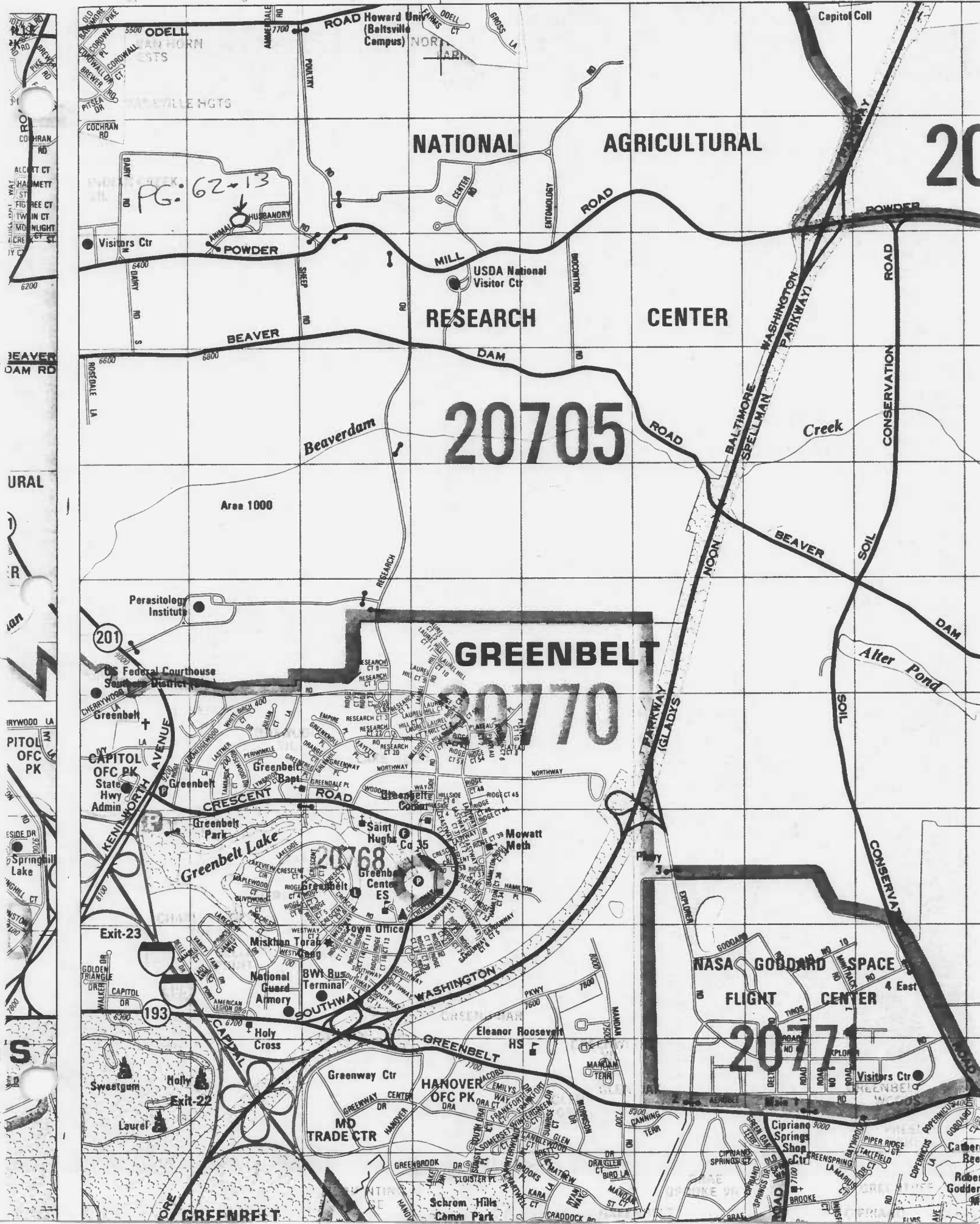
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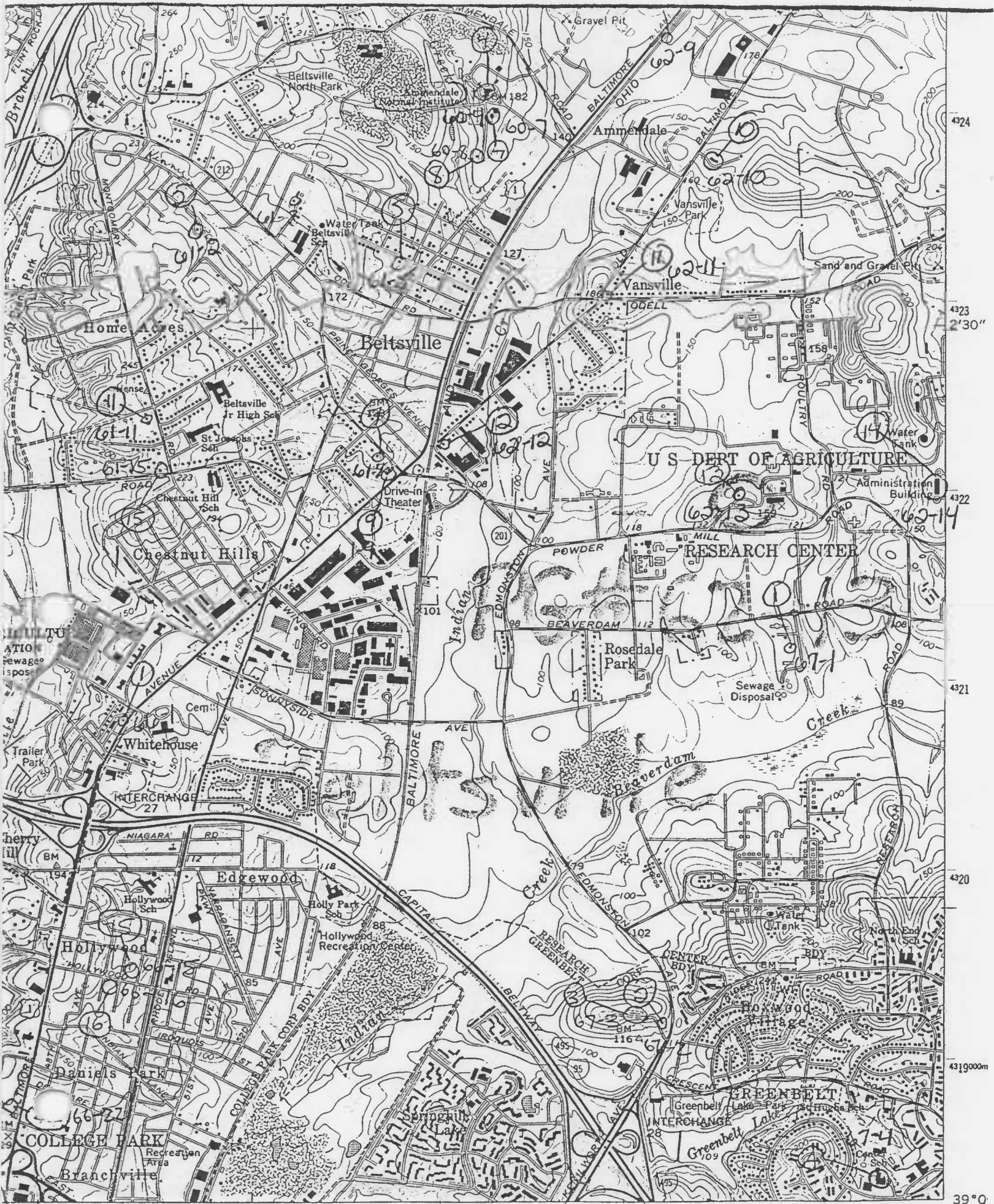
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WASHINGTON MONUMENT 11 MI.

55'

BLADENSBURG 4.5 MI.
U.S. CAPITOL (VIA U.S. 50) 9 MI.

336000m E.

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1970
INTERCHANGE 29 (BALT. WASH. PKWY.) 1 MI.



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Walnut Garage

Prince George's County, Md.

Susan H. Pearl

February 1988

South elevation

Mrf. MHT, Annapolis

1 of 3



Walnut Grange

PG County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

2/88

Antioch 3/4 elevation

Neg: MHT, Annapolis



NAME WALNUT GRANGE #62-13

LOCATION POWDER MILL Rd (USDA- RESEARCH CTR) BELTSVILLE, Md

FACADE SW

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Walnut Grove

Prince George's County, MD

Susan H. Beal

February 1988

Northeast $3/4$ cluster

Neg. 1147, Annapolis